

Elaine was first visitor to Archaeological Museum



Last week, the National Archaeological Museum of Aruba, located in the beautifully restored Ecury monument complex on Schelpstraat, Oranjestad, officially opened its doors to the general public. On Sunday, the sister of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands H.R.H. Princess Margriet and her spouse Prof. dr. Pieter van Vollenhoven effected the opening and became the first, along with visiting and island dignitaries, to take the tour of the complex.

The visitor to receive the first ticket, numbered 0001, which could possibly become a Collector's Item, was 4-

year-old Elaine Moreno, who was visiting the museum with her mom, at exactly 10 a.m. the following Tuesday.

Elaine received the VIP's welcome, with warm applause from the museum's staff. On Tuesday morning more than 200 people visited the exhibits and enjoyed taking a walk through the beautiful buildings and surroundings and the island's history, from its first inhabitants to the deportation of the Amerindians in the 1500s, and the story of "Rancho," a temporary exhibit illustrating the life and times of the Rancho neighbourhood on the outskirts of Oranjestad.